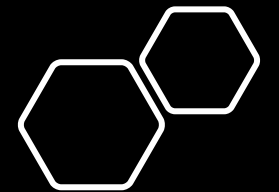




St. Charles
Borromeo
Church

Vespers

Friday Evening Prayer
May 22, 2026



INTRODUCTION

Leader: God, + come to my assistance.

All: Lord, make haste to help me.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

PSALMODY

Psalm 135: Praise for the wonderful things God does for us

*He has won us for himself. . . and you must proclaim what he has done for you.
He has called you out of darkness into his own wonderful light (see 1 Peter 2:9).*

Antiphon:

Leader: I, the Lord, am your savior

All: **and redeemer, alleluia.**

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord,
praise him, servants of the Lord,
who stand in the house of the Lord
in the courts of the house of our God.

***All:* Praise the Lord for the Lord is good.
Sing a psalm to his name for he is loving.
For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself
and Israel for his own possession.**

For I know the Lord is great,
that our Lord is high above all gods.
The Lord does whatever he wills,
in heaven, on earth, in the seas.

**He summons clouds from the ends of the earth;
makes lightning produce the rain;
from his treasuries he sends forth the wind.**

The first-born of the Egyptians he smote,
of man and beast alike.

Signs and wonders he worked
in the midst of your land, O Egypt,
against Pharaoh and all his servants.

**Nations in their greatness he struck
and kings in their splendor he slew.
Sihon, king of the Amorites,
Og, the king of Bashan,
and all the kingdoms of Canaan.
He let Israel inherit their land;
on his people their land he bestowed.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon:

Leader: I, the Lord, am your savior

All: **and redeemer, alleluia.**

Psalm 135: Part II

Antiphon:

Leader: Blessed is the kingdom of David

All: **our father which has come among us, alleluia.**

Lord, your name stands for ever,
unforgotten from age to age:
for the Lord does justice for his people;
the Lord takes pity on his servants.

**Pagan idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.
They have mouths but they cannot speak;
they have eyes but they cannot see.**

They have ears but they cannot hear;
there is never a breath on their lips.
Their makers will come to be like them
and so will all who trust in them!

**Sons of Israel, bless the Lord!
Sons of Aaron, bless the Lord!
Sons of Levi, bless the Lord!
You who fear him, bless the Lord!**

From Zion may the Lord be blessed,
he who dwells in Jerusalem!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Antiphon:

Leader: Blessed is the kingdom of David

All: **our father which has come among us, alleluia.**

Psalm Prayer

Leader: Father, your name and your memory last forever. We stand to pray in your house and praise you with psalms of joy. We ask you in your kindness to have mercy on us in our lowliness.

Canticle: Revelation 15:3-4: Hymn of adoration

Antiphon

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord,

All: **glorious in his triumph, alleluia.**

Mighty and wonderful are your works,
Lord God Almighty!
Righteous and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!

**Who would dare refuse you honor,
or the glory due your name, O Lord?**

Since you alone are holy,
all nations shall come
and worship in your presence.
Your mighty deeds are clearly seen.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.**

Antiphon

Leader: Let us sing to the Lord,

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READING: Galatians 5:16, 22-23a, 25

Live in accord with the spirit and you will not yield to the cravings of the flesh. The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, generosity, faith, mildness and chastity. Since we live by the spirit, let us follow the spirit's lead.

RESPONSORY

Reader: The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, alleluia, alleluia.

All: **The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, alleluia, alleluia.**

He will teach you all things,
– **alleluia, alleluia.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
– **The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL CANTICLE

Canticle of Mary: Luke 1:46-55

The soul rejoices in the Lord

Leader: Together they persevered in prayer

All: **with Mary, the mother of Jesus, alleluia.**

My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon:

Leader: Together they persevered in prayer

All: **with Mary, the mother of Jesus, alleluia.**

INTERCESSIONS

Reader: Let us praise and thank the Father, who has poured out the grace of the Spirit on all peoples. Let us ask him for an ever greater share in his Spirit, saying:

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Lord, you gave us your chosen One as the light of all peoples,
– open the eyes of the blind, and lead from captivity those who sit in darkness.

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

You anointed Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit for the ministry of salvation,
– may he once more go about the world, doing good and healing all.

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Send your Spirit, the light of all hearts,
– to strengthen the faith of those in doubt.

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Send your Spirit, our rest in labor,
– to support the weary and the broken-hearted.

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

Fulfill the hope of those who have died,
– so that they may rise again at the coming of Christ.

Lord, pour out the grace of the Holy Spirit throughout the world.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Father,
in glorifying Christ and sending us your Spirit,
you open the way to eternal life.
May our sharing in this gift increase our love
and make our faith grow stronger.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
– **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

If a priest or deacon presides, he dismisses the people:

The Lord be with you.

– **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

– **Amen.**

Go in peace.

– **Thanks be to God.**

*In the absence of a priest or deacon and in individual
recitation, Evening Prayer concludes:*

May the Lord + bless us,
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.

– **Amen.**